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Dear Willy:

In your letter of December 4, you relayed a message from Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs Under Secretary Schori about Raoul Wallenberg.

As you know, we have been deeply concerned about the fate of Mr. Wallenberg for some time. Our interest in his case has, if anything, intensified recently. In the last several months, we have raised his name with representatives of the Soviet government several times; most recently during General Secretary Gorbachev's visit to Washington. To date, we have not received a satisfactory reply from the Soviets.

We are aware of the statement made by Soviet Foreign Minister Gerasimov on August 7 in which he claimed that the Wallenberg case had been re-investigated. We also understand that Nina Lagergren, Wallenberg's sister, recently discussed her brother's case with the Soviet Ambassador to Sweden. While the Soviets offered no new information about the fate of Raoul Wallenberg at these meetings, the fact that they have raised it suggests that this may be an opportune time to continue to press them for a fuller accounting of Mr. Wallenberg's ultimate fate. Rest assured that we will not forget Raoul Wallenberg. We will continue to employ every means available to work on his behalf.

Sincerely,

*John C. Whitehead*  
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Acting Secretary

His Excellency  
Count Wilhelm Wachtmeister,  
Ambassador of Sweden.

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